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Two years – not five

Political pensions.Changes coming
to MLA eligibility

Nova Scotia politicians will be required to serve two years instead of five to become eligible for a pension under binding recommendations from a panel that examined how legislature members are compensated.

The three-member panel delivered a report Wednesday saying the change was made to align pension plans for politicians with those for civil servants.

Roy Salmon, a former Nova Scotia auditor general who served on the panel, said the change doesn't mean politicians will be eligible to collect a pension after two years unless that's all they serve.

Salmon said on average, a politician serves between seven to eight years and isn't eligible to collect until 55 years of age.

Salaries: static

The panel did not recommend any changes to member salaries, which stand at \$89,234 per year, nor to top-ups given to party leaders and the premier.

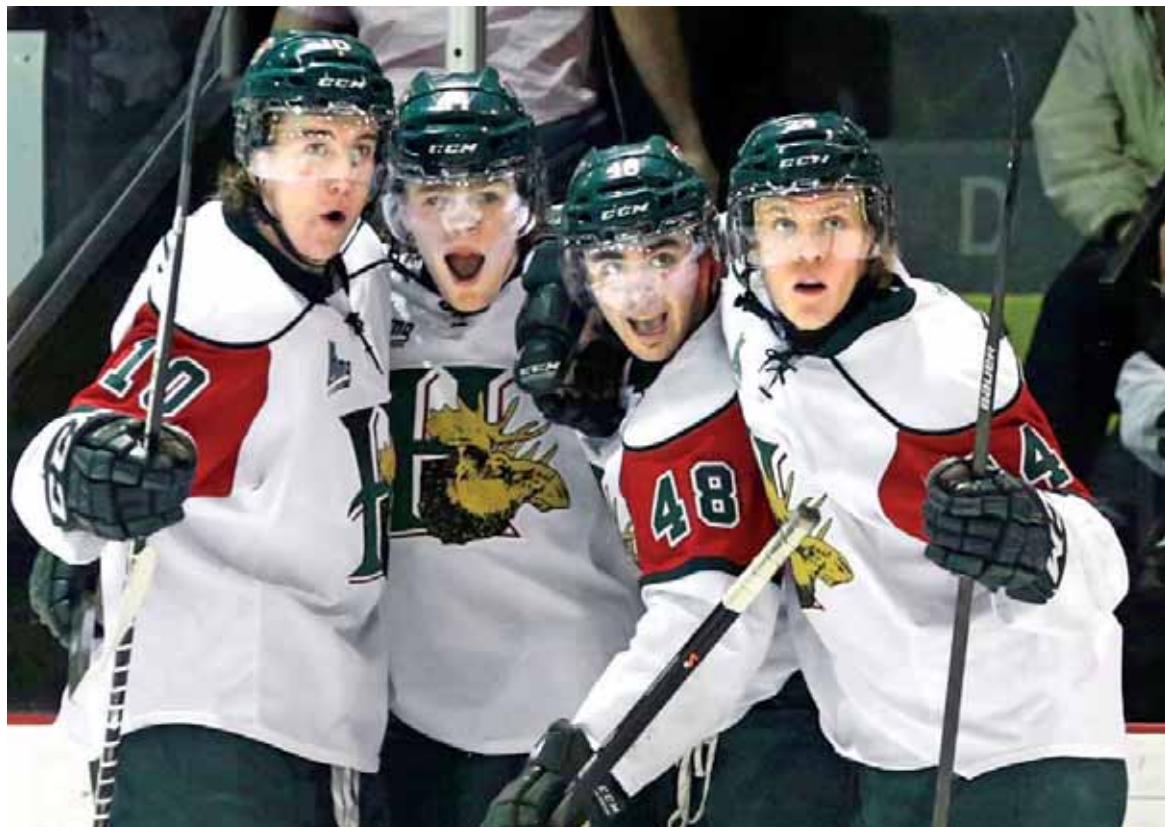
"So if you want look at a pension for a member who serves two years and at 55 gets a pension, he gets seven per cent of his salary," he said.

The members' pension plan will remain as it is, where pension benefits are 3 1/2 per cent of one's salary for every year of service.

Another change will require members seeking to collect a monthly accommodation allowance of \$1,499 to live a minimum of 100 kilometres from the legislature instead of 40 kilometres.

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MOOSEHEADS IN DRIVER'S SEAT

The Mooseheads' Jesse Lussier, MacKenzie Weegar, Luca Ciampini and Nikolaj Ehlers celebrate a second-period goal against the Gatineau Olympiques on Wednesday night at the Robert Guertin Arena. Halifax won the game 4-2 to take a 3-1 series lead in the best-of-seven QMJHL quarter-final series. Story, page 33. MIKE CARROCETTO/FOR METRO

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Child porn charges**Man arrested after computer seized**

A 42-year-old man faces child pornography charges after Halifax police say they seized computer equipment from a Halifax apartment.

On Tuesday, investigators with the Halifax Regional Police/RCMP integrated Internet child exploitation unit searched an apartment in the 0 to 100 block of Walter Havill Drive near Long Lake.

Trevor Sanford is scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court on Wednesday and is facing one count each of possession of child pornography and breaching a court order. **METRO**

RCMP**Residents warned about car break-ins, thefts**

Halifax RCMP are urging Lower Sackville residents to lock their doors and keep valuables hidden after a string of thefts from motor vehicles.

About 10 vehicles in Millwood and Beaver Bank were broken into last weekend.

Thieves appeared to be targeting vehicles with wallets, money, medication, or electronics inside. No vehicles were damaged. Police say thieves were also looking for unlocked vehicles.

No arrests have been made at this time. **METRO**

Knife was pulled**Student diffuses dangerous situation**

A disagreement between two high school students that saw one student pull a knife on another was quickly diffused after some quick thinking from a third student.

At around 1 p.m. Tuesday, two male teens got into a disagreement during class at Liverpool Regional High School. One of the teens revealed he had a knife. Cpl. Victor Whalen of the local RCMP detachment says a female student reasoned with the suspect and told him "you're going to get in a lot of trouble."

The young man then handed over the knife and was taken into custody by the RCMP.

TRANSCONTINENTAL MEDIA



At left, Victoria Henneberry arrives at the Halifax provincial courthouse on Wednesday. At right, Blake Leggette arrives at the Halifax provincial courthouse last month. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**



Saunders murder case put over

Court. Dates for preliminary hearing for the two accused expected to be decided by month's end

The case of two people charged in the death of Loretta Saunders was put over today in Halifax to April 22 to set dates for a preliminary hearing.

First-degree murder charges have been laid against 25-year-old Blake Leggette and his 28-year-old girlfriend, Victoria

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"(A not-guilty plea) can somewhat be interpreted from the fact that we're looking to have a prelim date. We certainly never put it over to ... enter a plea." **Lyle Howe, lawyer for Blake Leggette**

Henneberry.

Neither of the accused appeared in court on Wednesday morning.

Leggette's lawyer, Lyle Howe, said outside of court that the fact they have set dates for a preliminary hearing "somewhat" suggests Leggette

is intending to plead not guilty.

"If we're looking for a preliminary-inquiry date, there's somewhat an indication that he plans to actually contest the charges or at least hear from the Crown's witnesses," he said.

Saunders disappeared from

Halifax on Feb. 13.

Her body was found nearly two weeks later off the Trans-Canada Highway in New Brunswick.

Police allege the 26-year-old woman was killed the day she was last seen at an apartment she once shared with the two accused.

Saunders, an Inuit woman from Labrador, was a student at Saint Mary's University in Halifax whose studies were focused on missing and murdered aboriginal women.

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Unsolved-crime program offers up to \$150,000 for info that leads to arrest in Matthew Sudds murder case



Matthew Sudds. FACEBOOK

The unsolved murder of Matthew Sudds has been added to the provincial program offering cash rewards for information.

A release from the Department of Justice states anyone who provides information to police that leads to an arrest or conviction in Sudds' homicide could receive up to \$150,000.

Police found Sudds' body in a ditch on Africville Road on

Oct. 14, 2013.

Investigators say he was shot and killed there the evening of Oct. 10, shortly after he was last seen by friends.

In early March, police issued a public appeal for help from anyone who saw a black Dodge Charger with out-of-province plates on Africville Road after 6 p.m. on Oct. 14.

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Provincial program

The Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes program was launched in October 2006. According to a press release, it led to arrests in connection with the murders of Melissa Dawn Peacock and Narico Danfue Downey.

Retired judge insists wrongfully convicted man pleaded guilty

No records of court proceedings. Gerald Barton suing Crown over rape conviction

The former Crown attorney who led the case against a Nova Scotia man wrongfully convicted of statutory rape in 1970 testified Wednesday that nothing seemed out of order, even though some key files had disappeared over the years.

Gerald Barton is suing the Nova Scotia Crown for malicious prosecution and the RCMP for negligent investigation, claiming in a civil suit that he never gave an incriminating statement to police and didn't plead guilty to the crime of having sex with a female between the ages of 14 and 16.

On Wednesday, former Crown attorney Charles Haliburton testified that Barton had in fact pleaded guilty to the charge just as his trial was about to begin on Jan. 14, 1970.

Haliburton, a retired provincial Supreme Court judge, cited documents he retrieved from an old storage room in Digby, saying he had written the following note on one of them: "Guilty plea on trial."

Testifying in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Haliburton said the notation meant Barton "went to court on Jan. 14, (1970) for a trial and he pleaded guilty instead of having a trial."

Haliburton, a former Nova Scotia MP who retired as a judge last year, said aside from the notation on his file and documents from a preliminary hearing, there is no record of the court proceedings that led

to Barton's conviction.

He said a large cache of records were destroyed about 15 years ago when records at the Digby County courthouse were moved to Halifax.

Barton's lawyer, Dale Dunlop, asked Haliburton if he had removed or destroyed any files pertaining to Barton's case.

"I did not have the practice of taking things out of the files," he said. "I'm as certain of that as anything after 40 years."

Dunlop also asked if Haliburton's decision to prosecute the case had anything to do with the fact that Barton is black.

"I don't think it had any impact at all," Haliburton responded.

As well, Dunlop wanted to know why Haliburton had decided to charge Barton with having sex with a minor, even though the complainant's statement to police indicated that she had been violently raped, an assertion Haliburton did not dispute.

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Ready to move on
"I'm feeling pretty good because this is coming down to the last of it. It makes me feel a lot better to get this off my back."

Gerald Barton on Wednesday's testimony



Gerald Barton returns to Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax after a short break this week. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO



The proposed development
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Design committee to debate Sackville St. development

The development that prompted two beloved downtown businesses to find new homes will go before a municipal committee Thursday.

Mosaik Properties will present plans for the mixed-use Market Lofts project at the corner of Market and Sackville streets to the Design Review Committee (DRC) for site plan approval.

Mosaik acquired the 19th-

century red brick building in December 2012, prompting long-time tenants Taz Records and Strange Adventures to relocate last year.

Night Magic Fashions has remained in its storefront on Sackville Street.

The redevelopment will demolish the existing buildings at 5262 and 5268 Sackville Street, but preserve the three-storey brick facade.

A five-storey residential glass tower would be stepped back from the main facade for a total of eight storeys.

"The three-storey) street-wall will maintain the pedestrian scale of downtown and the architectural integrity of the street," reads the design rationale prepared by Paul Skerry & Associates. "The ... tower will give a contrast of historic and modern archi-

tectural techniques and materials within one building without trying to mimic the existing building."

City staffers are recommending approval of the proposal and six metres of post-bonus height, citing the "public benefit" provided by the "application of sustainable building practices."

"Through retaining the existing facade, the energy re-

quired to demolish the building will be reduced," states the report.

"The development also proposes the re-use and salvage of portions of the building ... which will reduce the overall waste produced."

Mosaik owner George Giannoulis and architect Greg Johnston were not available for comment.

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Health Department. No details yet on merger

A senior official in Nova Scotia's health department says the government doesn't have an estimate yet on how much it would cost to merge district health authorities.

Acting deputy minister Francis Martin says the goal is to have the nine health boards merged into one board by April 1, 2015.

Martin told a legislature committee that the government is conducting ongoing consultations with the boards and hasn't completed the preliminary work yet.

The merger

The Liberals promised the merger in last year's election campaign, which would see the IWK Health Centre maintain its own board.

Martin also says the Health Department hasn't calculated the cost of severance to cut the jobs of CEOs and vice-presidents across the boards.

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Freshman Liberal MLA's Joachim Stroink, left, and Patricia Arab share a laugh during a sitting of the provincial legislature on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nova Star. New ferry to arrive next week

A new ferry that will travel between southwestern Nova Scotia and Maine is expected to arrive in Yarmouth next week.

Nova Star Cruises says its vessel, Nova Star, will dock at the town's terminal Tuesday, allowing residents to see the 161-metre ferry for the first time.

The vessel is arriving after a month-long journey from Singapore, where it was constructed.

A welcoming ceremony has been planned upon its arrival, and public tours of the vessel are planned for next Wednesday.

The ferry is scheduled to begin making daily, round-trip crossings between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine, on May 15.

The provincial government has committed \$21 million over seven years to support the ferry service.

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Trustee Act. Province simplifies estate admin

The Liberal government has introduced amendments to three acts to simplify the handling of estates.

Changes to the Public Trustee Act allows a public trustee to use a simpler process to administer estates valued at less than \$25,000,

according to a release from the Department of Justice. The process is currently already used in some cases, and will now apply to cases where heirs can't agree on the administrator of the estate.

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'It is a baby step.'
Provincial lawmakers' retirement benefits 'still very rich,' says CFA's Atlantic director

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The Atlantic director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation says taxpayers are not seeing the changes to MLA pensions that they deserve.

In a report released on Wednesday, Nova Scotia MLAs

now only have to serve for two years instead of five to become eligible for a pension after a panel examined how MLAs are compensated.

Kevin Lacey said with the recommended changes, it's "still a very rich pension program."

"MLAs can punch the golden pension ticket now even earlier than before. This is especially maddening considering politicians also collect it earlier than anyone else," Lacey said. "They only need to be 55 years of age to collect their full pension."

While Lacey said the richness of the pension program is

not a new issue, he's surprised it's taken so long to get the reforms taxpayers deserve.

"It is a baby step towards a positive direction," he said. "But taxpayers deserve to see bigger, larger, more dramatic reductions in the pensions," he said.

Although Lacey is not satisfied with the change to pensions, he said there are "other elements of the report that should be really welcomed by the taxpayers of the province."

These include the "very good decision" to not change MLA salaries and the change in housing allowances.

Previously, members

would receive a monthly housing allowance of \$1,499 if they lived more than 40 kilometres from the legislature. Now, they'll have to live a minimum of 100 kilometres away.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said he was dissatisfied with the changes and wants the pension plan scrapped altogether.

"We aren't done here until the pay and pensions of MLAs match what Nova Scotians can afford and what they themselves can hope to earn in their own jobs," said Baillie. "We are no further ahead."

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Former Halifax radio hosts reinvent careers online

'It is a leap.' Jamie Patterson and Lisa Blackburn now making daily news podcasts

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Long-time radio duo Jamie Paterson and Lisa Blackburn have new words to live by, and they're happy to say they involve slippers.

The married couple recently launched a podcast called The Halifax Daily News after getting laid off a few months apart from the former Lite 92.9, and working together on-air for nearly 10 years.

"Working in your pyjamas doesn't suck," Paterson joked on Wednesday afternoon from the couple's Beaver Bank home where they record their 15-minute podcast on Halifax daily news and events, then post to jamieandlisa.ca and iTunes.

"There's words to live by," laughed Blackburn.

Paterson said he went through "all the stages" of loss after he was laid off last November, but was glad he got a head-start thinking of future plans before Black-



Lisa Blackburn, left, and Jamie Paterson ham it up in their home podcast studio on Wednesday. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

burn lost her job in February when 92.9 switched formats.

Both former radio hosts said while it's "certainly not fun" when both partners in a household are laid off, they're

optimistic about advertising potential with the podcast, and finding work in Halifax.

Podcasts are also more freeing compared to commercial radio, and both believe they're offering a local perspective major stations are missing.

"It's the wild frontier. What we say into the microphone, it's there in our listeners ear in matter of moments," said Paterson.

"It is a leap, but at the same time I think we would have regretted not doing it because it sort of is the up-and-coming form of entertainment," Blackburn said.

Blackburn, who has a journalism degree from the University of King's College, said this is a way to feed her "news need" while she looks for work in the communications field.

She said they already have

over 1,000 listeners who listen daily from Florida, Cape Breton, and former Maritimers living in Alberta.

"Just hearing Lisa's Beaver Bank accent once in awhile, it cures the homesickness that a lot of people out working on the rigs and things have," Paterson said with a laugh.

They said the key to dealing with losing your job after more than 20 years in one business, which many in

Nova Scotia have faced in recent years, is to lean on the cliché of thinking outside the box.

"Things are changing so quickly and so drastically," Paterson said. "Don't just kind of say, 'Well there are no other jobs in this field'.... You've got to think, 'How can I use what I've learned in this job to go ahead and do something else, maybe forge my own trail?'"

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"Change is good. This is the kick in the butt we both needed."

Jamie Paterson

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Olympian returns home with gold

Westville pride. Hockey coach Lisa (Jordan) Haley tells small-town kids to dream big

It might take some explaining and she sometimes gets some confused looks, but Lisa (Jordan) Haley always makes it clear that she is from Westville.

Haley, who helped coach the Canadian Olympic women's hockey team to gold in Sochi, was welcomed home on Wednesday by the town where she was born and raised with a public event at the Westville Civic Building.

"This is where I'm from and just because people don't know where you're from doesn't mean you're not from there," she said. "I've grown up in



Lisa (Jordan) Haley
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Westville and have no problem explaining where it is."

Since being selected as one of the national team coaches she hasn't been able to visit her family, making it just under two years since she has stepped foot in Nova Scotia, let alone Westville."

On Tuesday she arrived in

Halifax, where she spent some time before travelling home. On Wednesday morning she visited Redcliff Middle School in Truro before stopping at her former school, Walter Duggan Consolidated.

At both schools she spoke about how she reached her goal of going to the Olympics. Haley admits that kids get told they need to set goals all the time, but she wanted to take that one step further and tell them to start working towards them while they're still young.

"I wanted them to understand that it's about the journey to reaching their goal," she said. "We make a thousand decisions every day and every one of them is important. My hope is that they're making the ones that get them one step closer to their goal."

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Starting from the bottom

A worker checks the details on Wednesday at the Nova Centre construction site in downtown Halifax. The Nova Centre is scheduled to open in January 2015. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

No charges laid

Rain may have blinded driver who hit pedestrian

Halifax Regional Police say poor visibility from Tuesday night's heavy rain may have been a factor in the city's latest car-pedestrian accident.

A 22-year-old man was hit at the corner of Bell Road and Robie Street

around 10 p.m.

The driver, a 48-year-old man, was travelling south along Robie and turned left onto Bell Road, where he struck the pedestrian.

The victim was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

No charges have been laid, as police say they were unable to determine whether the driver or pedestrian had the right of way.

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Cape Breton

Three arrested after drug seizure

Three men have been arrested on drug-related charges after police executed a search warrant at a residence in Port Hawkesbury. Police say they seized just over 3.5 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and what they are calling a large quantity of money.

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Graphic photo causes stir at Pistorius trial



Oscar Pistorius leaves the high court in Pretoria, South Africa, Wednesday.

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Prosecutor takes aggressive line. Accused Olympian refuses to look at image of slain girlfriend's bloodied head

Oscar Pistorius refused to look at a photo of his dead girlfriend's bloody head wounds while testifying at his murder trial Wednesday as the prosecutor urged the star athlete to "take responsibility" for killing her.

"It's time that you look at it," chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel said, setting the stage for a rigorous first day of cross-examination of Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with premeditated murder for shooting Reeva Steenkamp three times through a toilet door at his home.

"I remember," Pistorius said

of Steenkamp's bloodied head, becoming distraught and then crying as he turned away from the gruesome image of the injuries he inflicted that were displayed next to him in a packed courtroom in South Africa's capital.

The showing of the photograph on TV screens in the courtroom caused gasps among spectators, who included Steenkamp's mother, June.

"I will not look at a picture where I'm tormented by what I saw and felt that night," Pistorius said. "As I picked Reeva up, my fingers touched her head. I remember. I don't have to look at a picture, I was there."

Pistorius, 27, says he shot Steenkamp in the pre-dawn hours on Valentine's Day — in the head, arm and hip — by mistake, thinking she was a dangerous intruder behind the door in his bathroom about to come out and attack him. Prosecutors charge he killed the 29-year-old intentionally.

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'Cuban Twitter.' Havana probes leak of half-million cellphone numbers

Cuba's government said Wednesday it has launched a probe into how hundreds of thousands of customer cellphone numbers fell into the hands of a U.S. government program that used them to secretly set up a mobile-based, Twitter-like social network on the island.

An Associated Press investigation revealed last week that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) program used the data to build a subscriber base for the platform, dubbed ZunZuneo, with the idea that it could be used

to stir unrest.

Cuba considers such USAID programs to be subversive attempts to topple its Communist-run government. Officials told reporters that state telecom Etecsa had not provided the data to any international operator or entity, and that the information was obtained illegally.

Washington officials have defended the ZunZuneo program as consistent with U.S. law and described it as "discreet," rather than covert or classified. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan

Attempted murder case against baby prompts outcry

A nine-month-old Pakistani boy has been swept up in an attempted murder investigation that highlights the country's dysfunctional criminal justice system where even children are not immune from questionable legal decisions.

The toddler was brought to court last Friday as part of an investigation relating to an incident where residents in his neighbourhood clashed with police. He was granted bail by a judge.

The Jan. 31 altercation sparked police to open an attempted murder investigation into 30 people, including the father of the toddler and his unnamed son, said police officer Atif Zulfiqar, who is in charge of the area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wounded by trains

Honduran migrants ask Mexico to allow free passage

About a dozen Honduran migrants who lost legs and arms after falling from trains during northbound journeys across Mexico asked the country's Senate on Tuesday to stop the government's persecution of Central Americans, protect them from criminal

gangs and contribute money to shelters for their care.

The migrants say that drug gang members and other criminals frequently beat, stab or push them from moving trains during their journeys through Mexico to the United States.

The migrants expressed hope that Mexico would agree to allow them transit visas or free passage without documents to cross the country on their way to the U.S. border. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wi-Fi? Why not! Vancouverites may soon enjoy free wireless web

B.C. City's park board to prioritize Internet access in spaces with high residential density, tourist appeal



EMILY JACKSON
Metro in Vancouver

Wouldn't it be nice to use free Wi-Fi instead of pricey cellular data plans when posting pics on Instagram of the sun setting over the beach?

Vancouver's park board figures residents and tourists would appreciate the option, and it will vote on a motion next week asking staff to determine potential locations for free public Wi-Fi, the cost of such a program and a timeline for implementing the service, Commissioner Trevor Loke announced Wednesday.

The city has been mulling free public Wi-Fi since at least



Think these beachgoers at a packed Vancouver beach in 2013 would have been interested in free Wi-Fi? Vancouver's park board will vote on a motion next week to determine potential locations for free public Wi-Fi. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

2005 — it's already in place at city hall and at the public library — and council passed a digital strategy last year promising to make Internet access a reality by 2016.

But Loke wants to get the ball rolling on the plan to ensure the park board has a say in what places get Wi-Fi — suggestions so far

have focused on busy downtown shopping strips.

"We want to make sure that park spaces are a priority within the digital strategy," Loke said.

The park board will prioritize Internet access in spaces with high residential density and appeal for tourists.

It's not clear how much

Wi-Fi infrastructure will cost, but the city is considering partnerships with local providers. The entire digital strategy was budgeted at \$30 million between 2013 and 2017.

Quebec City, Denver, Co., and Auckland, New Zealand, already provide free public Wi-Fi.



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High steaks. Calgary police beefing up efforts to corral meat thieves

Police say a man accused in a dangerous high-speed drive through Calgary, speeding the wrong way down one-way streets before crashing into a fence, may be involved in a meat-theft ring.

Police investigators say supermarket meat is a prime target for thieves, and a sophisticated crime ring is being fuelled by rising food costs.

It's enough of a problem that police have a dedicated unit working to stop the trend.

Const. Lara Sampson says the stolen food is often exchanged for as little as 30 cents on the dollar, or for drugs, and some ends up in restaurants.

"We have them being sold out of the back of vehicles, we have them kept in dirty old garages," Sampson said. "It is very common in Calgary right now."

Gary Neil Firth, 49, faces numerous charges.

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New York

Paralyzed worker sues rail company for \$100 million

A railroad mechanic paralyzed in a deadly New York derailment says he forgives the man driving the train.

Samuel Rivera praised Metro-North Railroad on Wednesday as he an-

nounced a \$100-million lawsuit against it.

Rivera spoke from a rehabilitation centre north of New York City. He has no movement of his legs and very little in his arms.

Four people were killed and more than 70 injured in the Dec. 1 derailment in the Bronx. Rivera is calling for legislation mandating seat belts on public transportation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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They came to praise Marois – not to bury her career?

Parti Québécois' Shakespearean tragedy. Possible contenders addressed PQ faithful before defeated leader announced resignation

Now that Pauline Marois has tendered her resignation as Parti Québécois leader, the question within the battered sovereigntist party is who will be the right person to rebuild it.

It won't be easy. The PQ suffered one of its worst defeats since the 1970s on Monday night when Liberal Leader Philippe Couillard won a majority government. Two-thirds of Quebecers also flatly say they're not interested in another sovereignty referendum, one of the party's main goals.

No one has come forward yet to claim the job Marois won by acclamation in 2007. However, PQ members seemed to get a preview of a few possible choices on election night when some who have been touted as contenders addressed them before their defeated leader spoke.

In a twist that seemed to come out of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Pierre Karl Peladeau, Jean-François Lisee, Bernard Drainville and Nicole Léger came to praise Marois before she buried her own political career a few moments later.

Lisee and Léger extolled Marois' qualities and the party's determination to fight on, while Drainville and Peladeau made a pitch to sovereigntist hearts.

Peladeau insisted the PQ caucus would continue to "defend the interests of Quebecers and the country" while Drainville was even more

Quebec corruption probe

Ex-construction firm boss admits to collusion

A former Quebec construction boss says his firm was involved in systemic collusion on provincial government contracts over a period of several years.

Normand Bedard's admission Wednesday came as the former president of



Pauline Marois walks past Pierre Karl Peladeau as she leaves the stage after her speech at the party election headquarters Monday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Who will likely lead battered Parti Québécois?

Top three possible contenders

Political rookie Pierre Karl Peladeau and two party stalwarts, Jean-François Lisee and Bernard Drainville, have often been mentioned as eventual successors to Pauline Marois, although it has been suggested Peladeau might not have the patience to toil in Opposition and re-

build a shattered party after years as a corporate titan.

Others profess a bigger knock against the 52-year-old. They say Peladeau's fist-pumping, enthusiastic embracing of an independent Quebec at his campaign launch on March 9 started the PQ election effort's careening skid into the ditch.

Drainville, 50, a former TV reporter, was the point man for the controversial secularism charter and promoted it with almost mis-

sionary zeal. First elected in 2007, he served as PQ health critic before being re-elected in 2008 and 2012, when he was named minister of democratic institutions.

Lisee, 56, a former journalist, author and professor, was Marois' minister of international relations and often handled the hot-button issue of language. A well-known sovereigntist thinker, Lisee advised PQ premiers Jacques Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

forceful, giving a stemwinder speech on the virtues of the goal to make Quebecers masters of their own destiny.

A dark horse candidate is former Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe, who quit as chief of that party when it was decimated by the New

Democratic Party in the 2011 federal election. Many sovereigntists find Duceppe appealing because of his wide popularity but others chafe at the possibility he would try to bring the iron discipline he imposed on the Bloc to the more freewheeling PQ.

Others who might take a run at the leadership are former cabinet ministers Léger, Sylvain Gaudreault and Véronique Hivon, although their profile isn't considered as high as those of Lisee, Drainville and Peladeau.

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U.S. Senate

Republicans block bill on women's pay discrimination

U.S. Senate Republicans derailed a Democratic bill Wednesday curbing paycheque discrimination against women, an effort that even in defeat Democrats hoped would pay political dividends in this fall's congressional elections.

Wednesday's vote fell seven short of the 60 needed.

With opinion polls showing Democratic voters less enthusiastic than Republicans this year, Democrats aimed the measure at women, who lean more toward their party than men. They were also casting the issue as a crucial one for the middle class because so many families rely on female wage-earners.

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Need more troops in Central African Republic: Envoy

Chad withdrawing.

U.S. ambassador said there's a need for more troops; UN votes Thursday on expanding its role

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations on Wednesday urged more support for existing African and French troops in Central African Republic on the eve of a UN vote to create a peacekeeping mission.

Ambassador Samantha Power, making her second visit to the country since unprecedented sectarian violence erupted in December,

Muslims waiting

"What I think the UN is trying to do is to make sure we go on a case-by-case basis."

U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power
At least 19,000 Muslims are still trapped and unable to flee. Power said part of the challenge is finding out whether individuals want to leave or stay.

said the African peacekeeping mission is now working to fill the gap left by neighbouring Chad. Last week the Chadian government began withdrawing its 850 troops following allegations some had indiscriminately killed dozens of unarmed civilians.

Power, who met Wednesday with top officials from

the African peacekeeping, said that Cameroonian and French forces were being moved into the areas previously guarded by the Chadians.

"There's no question that we need to redouble our efforts — we're making them every day anyway," she told reporters. "But this adds even more urgency to the task of getting more troops and more police deployed rapidly in order to fill those gaps which really do exist." The UN Security Council is due to vote Thursday on expanding the nearly 5,000-strong African mission in Central African Republic into a UN peacekeeping operation for the country of 4.6 million.

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Putin turns up the heat on Ukraine

Masked pro-Russian activists guard barricades at the regional administration building in Donetsk, Ukraine, Wednesday. Russian President Vladimir Putin turned up the heat on Ukraine on Wednesday by threatening to demand advance payment for gas supplies, a move designed to exert economic pressure as Ukraine confronts possible bankruptcy, a mutiny by pro-Russian separatists in the east and a Russian military buildup across the border. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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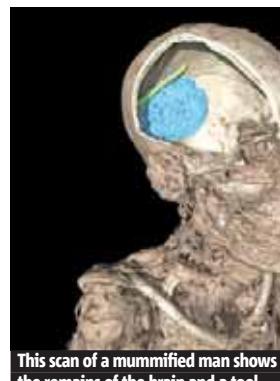


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Scans show details of mummy's body

British Museum.

Scientists 'thrilled' to discover embalming tools in mummy's skull



This scan of a mummified man shows the remains of the brain and a tool.

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Our fascination with mummies never gets old. The British Museum is using the latest technology to unwrap their ancient mysteries.

Scientists at the museum have used CT scans and sophisticated imaging software to go beneath the bandages, revealing skin, bones, preserved internal organs — and in one case a brain-scooping rod left inside a skull by embalmers.

The findings go on display next month in an exhibition that sets eight of the museum's mummies with detailed images of their insides and 3D printed replicas of some items buried with them.

Director Neil MacGregor said 6.8 million people visited the London institution last year, "and every one asked

were wheeled in after hours. The museum's scientists were thrilled to discover a spatula-like probe still inside one man's skull, along with a blob of brain.

"The tool at the back of the skull was quite a revelation, because embalmers' tools are something that we don't know much about," said John Taylor, museum mummy expert.

Another mummy, a woman who lived in Sudan around 700 A.D., was a Christian with a tattoo of the Archangel Michael's name on her inner thigh.

The star of the show is Tamut, a temple singer from a family of high-ranking priests. She died around 900 B.C.

Her brightly decorated casket has never been opened, but the scans have revealed her well-preserved body, her face and short-cropped hair.

"Come back in another five years and you will hear Tamut sing," MacGregor said.

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one of my colleagues, 'Where are the mummies?'

The museum has been X-raying its mummies since the 1960s, but modern CT scanners give a vastly sharper image.

Just like live patients, the mummies chosen for the exhibition were scanned at London hospitals — though they

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Plunket's princely play date

Britain's Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, holds Prince George, left, during a visit to Plunket nurse and parents group on Wednesday at Government House in Wellington, New Zealand. Plunket is a not-for-profit organization providing care for children and families. MARTY MELVILLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Good times, hard times

Coming to Canada is a challenge for anybody. Sometimes it goes well, and sometimes it doesn't. We talk to two people at different ends of the scale.

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A truly Canadian quiz

The Canadian citizenship test was altered in 2010 to make it a little more difficult.

Since then, applicants have been required to answer 15 of 20 questions correctly, whereas previously they passed with 12 out of 20 correct responses — as long as they gave the right answer to certain mandatory theory questions.

The problem was those mandatory questions were always the same, making the test easy to beat by paying for the answers beforehand. (And, it's been proven that really was happening.)

About 96 per cent of those taking the test before 2010 passed. The new formula has lowered the pass rate to 80 per cent or so.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) sends all applicants a study guide as soon as the paperwork is received.

"The best way to succeed at the citizenship test is to study Discover Canada," said a CIC official. "We encourage people to begin studying as soon as they apply for citizenship and receive their study guide."

As well, an online language test must be taken and passed before anything else happens.

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Priscilla Bunke, originally from Nigeria, lived in Germany for 11 years before moving to Canada. She's now a successful specialist in securities and derivatives regulatory law, as well as the energy and oil industries. CONTRIBUTED

The Story of Us

Immigration in Canada



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Metro in London, Ont.

Priscilla Bunke has come a long way, in more ways than one.

Her route to Canada was via Germany, where she spent 11 years. She then worked through a process of re-qualifying as a lawyer in Alberta, completing that in May 2012.

It's been 18 years since Bunke left her native Nigeria, and she's now a successful specialist in securities and derivatives regulatory law, as well as the energy and oil industries, with Dentons law firm in Calgary.

If that sounds impressive, it's because it is.

"It wasn't easy," she said. "But many people come here and succeed."

She's done a lot of work in the last 11 years, including 12 exams just to re-qualify in Canada.

"I wouldn't lie," said Bunke, 45, who has a 14-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter. "Life is very good now. I'm very happy now. But it was tough."

She said working in Germany — where she completed a master's degree and worked as a corporate counsel for an insurance company — was tougher, mainly due to the language barrier.

In Canada, Bunke was able to find work quickly, spending three years as a legal researcher while she re-qualified.

But adjusting to Canada after she arrived in July 2007 brought its own challenges.

There's a greater emphasis on networking, she explained, and the lessons come thick and fast.

"What I've realized here is that if you are open to learning, then people are really, really kind and ready to help," Bunke said, adding that she values the Canadian mentors who offered their time.

"I've been very fortunate and blessed to meet people who have been amazing."



Jamie Martinez moved to Canada from Colombia in January 2008. He spent years working as a labourer in Canada and has been forced to tap into the welfare system. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

It's been a tough few years for Jamie Martinez.

Now 54, he came to Canada from Colombia in January 2008.

"My original background is mechanical engineering," Martinez said. "But I worked for Goodyear in Colombia for 17 years in human resources. I wanted to do something the same when I came to Canada, but I couldn't."

First, there was a language barrier.

Two ESL courses helped with that, but even applying for jobs was a problem, so there followed lessons in creating a résumé and looking for work.

Martinez spent years being offered only labourer jobs, and he's also been forced to tap into the welfare system. But he stayed determined to work in administration, in a similar job to the one he had in Colombia.

It took three years before he landed an office job, and he says his experience isn't rare — even the large numbers of university-educated immigrants face a steep climb, he said.

Martinez, who is in the country on a work visa and

Quoted

"We need more help to overcome all the problems we have."

Jamie Martinez

still trying, after six years, to get permanent resident status, says he's committed to Canada.

Nowadays, he works as executive director of the Latino Canadian Community Corporation in London, Ont., and is a leading light in the London Multicultural Club.

"Canada is amazing," he said.

"We love Canada. It's so family-oriented."

But he called on employers to be more open to newcomers, whose status is easily signalled with a SIN card number that starts with "9."

"We don't get real help to get a job," he said about immigrants.

"We need more help to overcome all the problems we have."

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Getting their start elsewhere

Plenty of immigrants come to Canada and wind up being household names. You may be surprised at how many well-known Canucks didn't actually get a start in the True North strong and free. Here's a look:

Steve Nash is considered the best NBA player ever to spend most of his life in Canada.



Steve Nash
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Currently a member of the Los Angeles Lakers, he was named the NBA's most valuable player in both 2006 and 2007. He grew up in Victoria, B.C. He was born in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Ernie Coombs was a children's entertainer who started in



Ernie Coombs
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the Canadian television series, Mr. Dressup. He became a Canadian citizen in 1994. He and his family lived in Pickering, Ont. He was born in Lewiston, Maine.

Brendan Fraser, son of Canadian parents, is a movie and stage actor who portrayed Rick O'Connell in the three-part



Brendan Fraser
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Mummy series. He is also known for other comedic and fantasy-film leading roles in major Hollywood movies. He was born in Indianapolis, Ind.

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'Heartbleed' bug causes major heartburn for CRA

Canada Revenue Agency

If you haven't filed your taxes, you won't be able to until at least the weekend due to computer bug

With tax-return season in full swing, the Canada Revenue Agency suddenly locked down its online filing services on Wednesday, fearful of a new vulnerability in software used by much of the world to safeguard secure websites on the Internet.

All of the federal government's online systems were under review after word of the so-called Heartbleed computer bug prompted the tax agency to pull the plug on its electronic services as a precaution.

"As a preventative measure, the CRA has temporarily shut down public access to our online services to safeguard the integrity of the information we hold," the agency said in a statement.

Heart-stopping oversight

Bug went undetected for two years

A confounding computer bug called "Heartbleed" is causing major security headaches across the Internet as websites scramble to fix the problem and web surfers wonder whether they should change their passwords to prevent theft of their email accounts, credit card numbers and other sensitive information.

Security researchers who uncovered the threat are particularly worried about the lapse because it went undetected for more than two years.

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The Canada Revenue Agency headquarters in Ottawa is shown in 2011. The "Heartbleed" bug forced the tax agency on Wednesday to suspend its online filing services. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ment.

The shutdown came after the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) issued a warning

to system administrators about the coding flaw. It recommended that system operators unable to plug in an immediate fix get off the grid.

Other federal systems were also being assessed for their vulnerability to the threat, said Antoine Ouellet, a spokesperson for Shared Services Canada, the federal agency that oversees the government's IT infrastructure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Around the world in 20 flying days via solar plane

A Swiss team planning to complete the first round-the-world solar flight next year unveiled a new version of their unique aircraft Wednesday, which they say could remain in the air indefinitely.

Pilots Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg said the Solar Impulse 2 improves upon the single-seater prototype that first took flight five years ago, and which has since demonstrated that a solar-powered plane can fly through the night, between two continents and across the United States.

The updated plane presented to the world at the Payerne Air Force Base in Switzerland has better batteries for storing energy soaked up from the sun by the 7,200 solar cells that cover its massive wings.

At 236 feet, its wingspan is eight metres longer than the first prototype — longer



even than the wings of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet — but still only weights 2.54 tons, about as much as a large car.

The materials in the updated plane are also lighter than before, it has more efficient electric motors and a "good business-class seat," Borschberg said.

That's important, because

while the journey will be broken up into several stages, the aircraft's slow speed means it will have to stay in the air for several days in a row during the long transoceanic legs.

Borschberg said the trip next year would take about 20 flying days, spread over several months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serving up McJobs

McD's Canada supersizes hiring of young people

McDonald's Canada and its franchisees are set to hire more than 6,000 young people at a one-day event on Thursday.

McDonald's says it's aiming to hire the largest number of young people it has ever attempted in one day in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

More focus on the self

Twitter redesigns for the Selfie Age

As Twitter looks to broaden its appeal beyond its 241 million users, the company is introducing a redesign of profile pages that includes bigger photos, more user controls and a distinct resemblance to Facebook.

As part of changes coming in the next few weeks, users who access Twitter via the Web will notice larger photos on their profile pages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Half a million in Canada

Toyota recalls 6.39M vehicles

Toyota Motor Corp. is recalling 6.39 million vehicles globally, including more than half a million in Canada, for a variety of problems spanning nearly 30 models in Japan, North America, Europe and elsewhere.

Toyota Canada issued two separate recall notices affecting a total of 513,401 vehicles on Wednesday as part of the global initiative.

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GIVE UP YOUR SUMMER JOB SEARCH

Now that summer break has arrived for you university and college students, it's time to decide what your dream job is, because you'll be thinking about it a lot while you rot in some summer-job cesspool.

That's probably hard to hear after eight difficult months of alcoholism and plagiarism, but it's the truth, as cold and hard as the nickels you'll be stealing from the tip jar.

One of the only guaranteed jobs out there this time of year is writing tips for people looking for summer jobs (ka-ching!), and in my experience most articles like this one are far too optimistic, even naive.

They're all about networking and gumption and stick-to-it-iveness (formerly known as perseverance). Just put yourself out there and good things will happen, the advice goes. Lies, I say.

It harkens back to my parents' youth in New Brunswick, where job seekers simply grabbed the "Help Wanted" sign in the window and handed it to the boss, who was so impressed



HE SAYS
John Mazerolle
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by an N.B.er with basic literacy skills and opposable thumbs that the new hires were well on their way to becoming Senior Vice-President of "Help Wanted" Sign Distribution. Or so I've been told.

But when I was playing this game 15 years ago, it was pretty painful. Mostly it involved looking at recipe cards tacked to a corkboard at a youth employment centre and praying that "pay negotiable" meant either six figures or seven figures.

I'm ignorant of today's job market — no doubt it involves e-recipe cards robo-tacked to a World Wide Corkboard — but since the media has dubbed today's youth demographic "generation screwed" I'm going to assume

things aren't super.

From what I've heard, the modern job seeker requires three call-back interviews, including one in front of a board of directors, just to apprentice for the guy who fetches the coffee, and even then it's an unpaid internship until you're 34.

It's pretty much hopeless. But I'm legally obligated to provide a few tips, so:

- It's not what you do, it's who you do.
- Crack the so-called hidden job market by surfing to the Canada Job Bank and typing up down down left right left right B.A.
- BuzzFeed's Which Career Should You REALLY Have? is pretty much can't-miss.

But the biggest advice I would give anyone looking for a summer job is: Avoid it if you can.

I'm not even kidding. If you can avoid it at all — either because you're spoiled or you're cheap — then do it. Working in between school years makes the whole summer seem like life's longest Sunday: melancholy and muted even when it's nice out.

I know that supposedly makes me irresponsible then and now, but, trust me, you will not look back and say, "I wish I'd joined the workforce sooner."

Instead, inform your friends that you're looking to travel or party or vegetate and that they should join you. "Help wanted," in other words.

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It's rather en-lightning



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Electrical storms get oohs and ahhs

A thrill-seeking storm chaser captured the precise moment these giant lightning bolts lit up dark skies in a series of incredible storms.

Craig Eccles, a photographer from Perth, Western Australia, travels up to 500 kilometres in anticipation of a powerful storm — all for the sake of capturing that ferocious majesty on camera.

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Photog's viewpoint

"I have seen lightning bolts stretch for miles across the sky. For me, it's not all about the lightning bolt — sometimes it's about being in pitch black and in a split second, it appears as day."

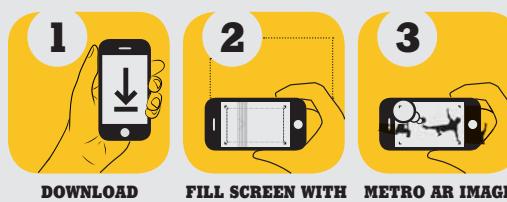
Craig Eccles, photographer from Perth, Western Australia

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One cat not a fan



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Much of the feisty behaviour we find so amusing about cats can be attributed to their displeasure for treading on their turf or ignoring their critically important needs.

"You think you can ignore my hunger at 5 a.m.? My raking at this blanket begs to differ."

This cat goes from fuzzy guitar groupie to feisty heckler based on a similar complaint. "Listen, Duane Allman. I'm in charge of licks around here."

Luckily, lame puns and their accompanying groans are for humans only. Or I'd be in a lot of trouble with my cat today.



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We see attendance at this event in your future

Spring Psychic Fair.
Score some jewelry or get your fortune told at this fundraiser



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No — this isn't a concert or an art exhibit. It may even push the bounds of dramatic dance or beat poetry.

But don't be so quick to judge, perhaps even open your mind to a new way of thinking and take in the Spring Psychic Fair at the Halifax Forum's Maritime Hall.

When a four-year-old girl is able to describe the likeness of relatives that had passed away before she was even born, it's a good indication that this child may have some special gifts.

This was the case for Montreal-born Marilyn Rossner.

Raised in an Orthodox Jewish home in Montreal, her Holocaust survivor parents were initially taken aback by their child's detailed descriptions of family members who had perished in the Holocaust.

Skipping a religious meal in an Orthodox Jewish household is hard enough, but Rossner managed the incredible by stepping outside of her faith and, with the blessing of an open-minded rabbi, starting the Spiritual Science Fellowship (SSFNS).

The interfaith ministry is celebrating over 30 years as a



Local psychic Contessa Crystal peers into her crystal ball in this file photo from 2012. METRO FILE

congregation in HRM.

Based out of their rented space at the Universalist Unitarian Church on Inglis Street, the fellowship "celebrates different religious traditions with prayer, meditation, song and talks on spirituality."

They keep its doors open with help from their annual psychic fair.

Perhaps a slightly out-of-the-box event for most, this annual fundraiser — their

12th in 11 years — all started as a means to stay open.

"We're a non profit organization and found the only method we had to raise money would be through collections, but we didn't want to ask too much from members," said Rev. Carmen Dugas-Mattatall.

"So we just decided to try to raise some money to cover our costs so we don't have to close our doors, and that's where it started."

A collection of local vendors offering attendees everything from handcrafted jewelry to massages and, of course, psychic readings, this two-day event does more than ignite the soul. It also offers some food for thought with a variety of lectures and demonstrations.

This year, SSFNS is excited to have Montreal-based astrologer Deborah Young bring her gifts and knowledge to the fair.

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Mad Men tells no tales for last time

Hush-hush final season.

Show's creator muses on the strangeness of no more secrets

Chat with Matthew Weiner these days and you feel the added depth of his Mad Men immersion.

When its bifurcated final season begins Sunday at 10 p.m. EDT on AMC (with seven episodes, to be followed by seven more next year), the second of those final hours will be shooting, while the fifth of seven final scripts will be taking shape on the page.

And then?

The looming end has taken root in the Mad Men conversation among fans, even as they mark time waiting for the 14 new installments. Meanwhile, Weiner, as the auteur of this landmark drama series, voices both resolve and wonderment at his task of bringing Mad Men in for a landing.

His goal, he says, is not to wallop the audience with a grand parting shot, but something more gently profound: "To leave the characters in a place where they're going to be in viewers' imaginations forever."

Weiner has said many



Creator Matthew Weiner talks with actress Jessica Pare on the set of *Mad Men*. JAMIE TRUEBLOOD/AMC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

times he hit upon some semblance of that "fitting end" several years ago.

And yet: Pulling the plug on a TV series goes against every instinct of the person in charge, he says — the person whose primary duty is to keep the show alive and well, week after week.

Even for a series veteran like Weiner (who was a writer-

producer of *The Sopranos* as well as the sitcom *Becker*), his mission to end *Mad Men* is "a totally antithetical thing, an exercise that is outside my realm of experience."

Last season's fade-out found Don Draper (series star Jon Hamm) who, at the series' start was fiercely guarded about his past, coming clean to his three kids: Don stood with them outside the former whorehouse where he, born Dick Whitman, was raised as an orphan.

Now, how does the new season pick up the action?

As usual, Weiner made sure the preview he shared

with TV critics was accompanied by a laundry list of details not to be divulged: Things like when it takes place and what's going on with Don's work and private life.

What, then, can be shared? That the episode, written by Weiner, is richly satisfying. That the cast remains terrific. That the series seems headed confidently down its home stretch.

Pretty much the rest is meant to stay hush-hush.

But secrecy is not simply an obsession for Weiner. It's a marketing strategy that serves *Mad Men* well.

"This was a decision I made

Where the story left off

Viewers will remember that at the close of last season, Don was left in disarray. He had been sidelined by his ad agency after suffering a meltdown at a client meeting. His loving wife Megan walked out on him after one too many broken promises.

- The 1960s have been hard on Don. A man who years before assumed another man's identity, he has shaped his sense of self, and his career, from cultural models that

- Weiner doesn't see him that way.

seem to grow increasingly outdated as the '60s wear on. Don is on a downward spiral as he hits middle age, fast becoming an old fogey in a youth-obsessed era. Or so it may have seemed to some viewers.

- "The world is changing. That was the original intention of the show. And change makes everybody feel out of place."

at the show's pilot stage," he says. He pointed to January Jones, who plays Don's ex and at the show's inception was still his wife. "She was not part of any of the press material for the first season, because I didn't want anyone who watched the pilot to know until its final moments that Don was married."

Weiner laughs, recalling the first table read for this obscure new series on an also-ran network as he demanded confidentiality from his cast.

"Everybody looked at me like we'd be lucky if spoilers were a problem for this show. 'They were thinking, 'You really want us to keep things a secret?'

"Not all entertainment has to be this way," Weiner acknowledges, "but I thought that the surprise of our storytelling would be a smart mar-

keting decision. Luckily, AMC agreed, right from the beginning." And as Weiner hoped, it helped get the show noticed — and still does.

Now the end is in sight. How to pull it off in a way that does justice to the series and its fans? And to viewers who have yet to discover it, and won't until all the cats are out of the bag?

"If *Mad Men* continues to be watched after its ending airs, whoever approaches it will know how it ends," Weiner muses almost wistfully. "However we end the show, there won't be any more secrets. That's kind of weird." He means to leave a show behind that will satisfy late-comers, too.

But that's all ahead.

"Before then," he declares, "we've got a lot of ground to cover." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goal going into the final season

"To leave the characters in a place where they're going to be in viewers' imaginations forever."

Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner

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Don't Legalize It.

Ricky, Julian and Bubbles are back and drunker than ever

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As my photographer and I file into a suite at Toronto's Grand Hotel, we're hit with the stench of stale cigarettes and sweat-out liquor.

Bubbles hawks a snot rocket before offering to shake hands with us. Ricky and Julian follow suit — sans loogie — and the trio settle into the overstuffed microsuede couch to talk about their upcoming movie, *Don't Legalize It*, the third feature film for the Trailer Park Boys.

Three movies and an enduring TV series (a new 10-episode season will debut on Netflix later this year) isn't too shabby an accomplishment for the trio from Dartmouth's Sunnyvale Trailer Park. But the boys don't let the success get to their heads. They're still living hard

and while they were here for the Toronto premiere of *Don't Legalize It*, they made the most of their time in the big city.

"It's fantastic," Bubbles says when asked how he's liking Toronto.

"We like it," groans Julian behind a pair of dark aviators. "We were up late last night."

How late?

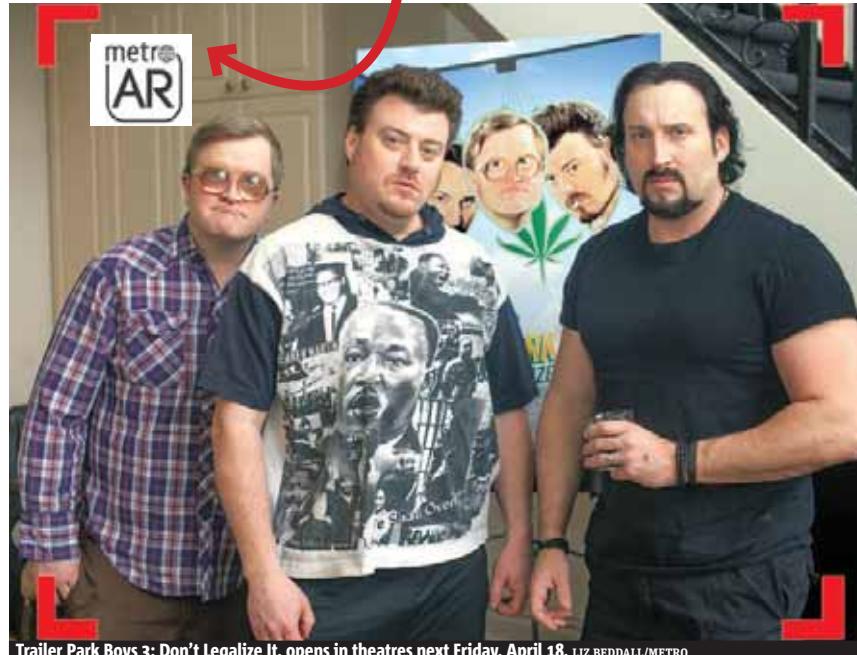
"Oh, about 7:30 a.m.," says Bubbles.

It's now noon and the sun is beating into the hotel room.

But Bubbles insists they were only drinking cherry colas. I should've been a better journalist and clarified — though I'm pretty sure he meant the type of colas made of spiced rum and amaretto.

Ricky has been silent so far, slouching on the far end of the couch, hiding behind a pair of sunglasses and looking slightly sweaty. But we want to hear from him — he's the real star of this film, after all, as he treks to Ottawa in a camper van to make an inspired speech about why it's a mistake to legalize dope.

He looks a little ashen but tries his best to articulate his



Trailer Park Boys 3: Don't Legalize It, opens in theatres next Friday, April 18. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

arguments. "I think if they're going to legalize it, they should at least let the people who are growing and selling it like me

keep doing their job," he says.

"There's enough unemployment. If they're going to legalize it, they should be doing it

the right way; it shouldn't just be the government just taking all the money. Their dope is probably going to suck, you

Quoted

"Their dope is probably going to suck, you might not be able to get honey oil or hash any more, so I don't know if it's a good thing."

Ricky on why we shouldn't legalize pot

might not be able to get honey oil or hash any more, so I don't know if it's a good thing."

I think that's the best I'm going to get out of these still-drunk boys, so I wrap the interview.

But later that night, at the after-party, after the premiere of the film and a few downed cocktails, I see Ricky. I flip him the bird and tell him he has some off to f—k. "That was a terrible interview," I tell him. "Maybe the worst ever."

"What do you want from me? I was hungover as f—k?" he shoots back.

Fair enough.

As if to make amends, he invites me to do a shot. I oblige. Even after a decade, life is still good as a Trailer Park Boy.

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Wish granted: Tina & Amy to star in sister comedy

How is it that we can put a man on the moon, but Amy Poehler and Tina Fey have only starred in one film together? And that film was Baby Mama? (Mean Girls doesn't count. They had supporting roles in that.) Luckily, things are about to change. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the stars of 30 Rock and Parks and Recreation will co-star in The Nest, a dark period thriller. Just kidding, it's a

comedy, obviously. The Nest is about adult sisters (they're playing sisters!) who find out that their parents are selling their childhood home, so they decide to throw one last big party there. In the process, they learn to mature. The Nest will be directed by Jay Roach, who also directed Pitch Perfect. It's written by Paula Pell, a former Saturday Night Live writer who also played Pete's wife on 30 Rock.

After 27 years, Tom Ford and his partner have fashionably late nuptials

Fashion icon Tom Ford is officially off the market, as he and his partner of 27 years, former Vogue Hommes International editor Richard Buckley, recently tied the knot in a very quiet ceremony, according to Vogue. Ford let the news slip casually while speaking at the Regent Street Apple Store opening in London earlier this week. "We are now married, which is nice," Ford said. "I know that was just made legal in the

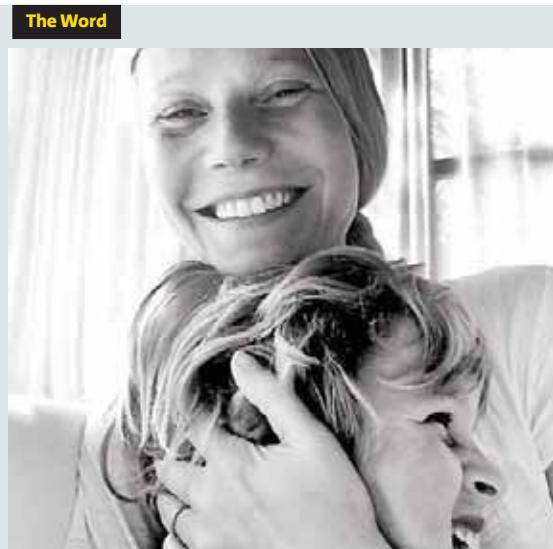


U.K., which is great. We were married in the States."

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The Word



Gwynnie might need practice at conscious uncoupling

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York

Moses Martin, the son of Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin, turned eight on Tuesday, and Gwyneth posted this sweet pic on Twitter for his birthday. Yeah, happy birthday, Moses — now run and play, because we need to talk to your mom about something.

Check out her hand in the photo. Despite her much publicized "conscious un-

coupling" from Chris Martin, it appears that Gwyneth is still wearing her wedding ring. That's assuming this is a current photo, of course, which seems likely — Moses' "Aw, Mom" expression certainly looks like an eight-year-old boy to me.

So what do you think is the deal with the ring? I'd say maybe she's not ready to remove it, but I don't think Gwyneth Paltrow has ever shown that kind of emotional weakness in her life. And I say that with tremendous and earnest respect. She's an oil-pulling, hydrangea-stroking pillar of steel. No, the ring must be a deliberate step in her conscious uncoupling. Unless her conscious uncoupling has gone so well that she's already remarried to someone else.

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Kate Mulgrew

Big Red in a new film that makes some big claims

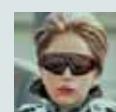
Say it ain't so, Captain Janeway. Kate Mulgrew, who currently stars as Big Red on Orange Is the New Black, is part of a new movie about geocentrism — the belief that the sun orbits the Earth. Mulgrew, who also spent seven years playing a starship captain on Star Trek: Voyager, narrates The Principle by ultra-conservative Robert Sungenis, who maintains the blog Galileo Was Wrong.

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Alright.. 3 hrs sleep, but kickin' jet lag's ass. Its time to work.. Good morning from lovely London.



@ladygaga

just basically ate all the birthday cake I was supposed to eat last week but had shows so I dieted it was so good. it was yummy yums



@WhitneyCummings

People: please make your emails funnier in general



Spring clean your style

Won't you let them live?! In the spirit of reducing, reusing and recycling, we look at three ways to deal with your done-for duds this spring without tossing them in the trash



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Whether you've stuck to your New Year's resolutions or not, the sun is coming out and revealing that you are a different person than you were back when the halls were being decked.

Spring is almost here and it's time to reassess that wardrobe. But what do you do with those piles of threads that no longer thrill you? Let us give you a few fashionable tips for figuring that out.

Sell 'em

Sites such as Craigslist, Kijiji and eBay Canada have made it easy for regular folks to become retail mavericks. If you've got a few pieces that you picked out in a fit of passion, but never quite figured out how to flaunt, selling them to a more suitable style hunter might be the way to go.

But if you've never opened up shop on a web-based platform, it may be difficult to know how to get visitors to even give your garments a second look.



Perfectly distressed denim jeans, how I've loved you so, but it's time to let you go. iSTOCK

London-based luxury gown designer Farishta Zarify, who won the eBay Canada 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year award for her successful online store, says it's all about the visuals.

"It's online shopping, so you're taking away the experience of seeing the item in person," says Zarify, who recommends taking plenty of photographs of each garment in proper lighting and with a simple background.

"Also make sure to list all the defining characteristics like brand name, size and measurements so the customer knows exactly what they're going to get."

Donate 'em

There's arguably no bet-

ter way to feel good about saying goodbye to your garments than by giving them away to a great cause.

There are plenty of organizations across Canada that will accept your gently used clothing, including The Salvation Army and Clothesline for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

And what if spring has brought with it a brand new job and you no longer need that blazer and those flashy flats?

Turn your charitable sights to Dress for Success, a worldwide organization with locations across Canada, which helps to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing them with pro-

fessional attire received via drop-off donation.

"In the process of picking out an outfit and having a conversation with a volunteer stylist, our clients are transformed," says executive director of Dress for Success's Toronto chapter, Paige Souter.

"They start to believe that the next chapter in their lives will be better than the part that they're leaving."

And if you've had a pile accumulating in your closet for ages but lack the means to lug it to your local donation box, you can pay a quick visit to donationtown.org, an online directory of charities that offer donation pick-up service.

Rework 'em

Welcome to the generation of DIY, where every item can be manipulated into something even more magnificent. So don't give up on that garment – it's got life in it yet! To prove this to you, we asked Alana Kumar, the Victoria, B.C.-based creator of DIY blog dreamcreate.ca, to suggest four ways to breathe new life into your wardrobe:

- Use your scissors! Sometimes clothes have unnecessary ruffles, bows, etc. Say a prayer to the DIY gods and start having fun. Cutting ruffles can transform a girly top or dress into a much more classic silhouette, and give your piece a second chance.
- Turn a dress into a skirt. Take a maxi dress and simply tuck the top under. Now you have a new maxi skirt that you can pair with any top.
- For pieces with a few layers like a dress, try removing the top layer with a pair of scissors, sometimes the "shell" of the dress is more beautiful and simple than the original.
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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Amanda Assing

Age: 32

Occupation: EA at Juniper Park and Open Studio contributor

What she's wearing:

"This black gem of a coat I found in this little vintage store in New York. I died. It's boiled wool and collarless. Reminded me of a collarless Chanel coat and I literally wear this everyday. These pants strangely are from the Gap — the loose fit is perfect for running around on the job. Club Monaco top is classic and translates in any country. Alpaca wool scarf is a find from Kensington market and it's ridiculously warm."

Her inspiration:

Mash-up of Emmanuelle Alt + loose patterns prints.

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Today, artisans, designers and even florists continue to dream up interesting new vessels.

Visually anchored

New York City-based floral designer Matthew Robbins has created a simple line of vases for Teroforma that takes some of the guesswork out of flower arranging. Each vase — Bud, Cutting, Bouquet, Branch — describes what works best in it, and each is crafted of the same neutral white bisque porcelain, with a subtle yet referential etched motif (see teroforma.com).

"We wanted to

create a line of vases that provided a perfect visual anchor for fresh flowers. Clean shapes and surfaces are wonderful; they keep the focus on the flowers," says Robbins.

Bristling with colour

The Museum of Modern Art's store offered several interesting vases at this spring's design preview in New York. French design team Charlotte Arnal and Francis Favre's Zouzous Brush vase is a polycarbonate receptacle encrusted in a shaggy coat of colourful polypropylene bristles.

Naval gazing

Also at the MoMA store, Charlie Guda perches a narrow vial in front of a small yet powerful lens to magnify a single flower. Guda created the Big Bloom vase as homage to 18th century French physician Augustin-Jean



Fresnel, who invented a lens to enhance the brightness of lighthouse lanterns and contributed to naval navigation safety.

Chalk-full of fun

And Ricardo Saint Clair's playful chalkboard-faced vase gives you a surface to add an image or a message, and comes complete with chalk; visit momastore.org.

So many feels

Bliss Home and Design has an array of ceramic vases with textural elements that add drama: The Pompon vase is festooned with white balls; the Sea Sponge is made of layers of glazed clay resembling fronds of ocean sponge, and Monkey Paw is made of dozens of iridescent ceramic blooms. Visit blisshomeanddesign.com.

Glass menagerie

Waterford's Evolution series has some striking examples of artisanal glasswork. The Menagerie Trinidad vase interprets the markings of a graceful ocelot, while the Nairobi invokes the bold stripes of a zebra. The Agate vase was inspired by the colours and concentric bands of quartz agate. Visit macy's.com.

Euro splash

Ikea's Socker vase is an enamelled steel-and-eucalyptus-handled bucket of diminutive



A pool's paradise: Chive's Pooley 2 fully glazed ceramic bud vases come in eight or 12 vase configurations and attach to a rectangular base. A flower can be placed in only one or two, or in the full array. Using only one type of bloom or leaf looks particularly striking. The vases, available at Chive.com, come in a wide range of subtle yet saturated hues. CHIVE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chive talkin'

Toronto-based design outfit Chive has decided to focus solely on selling vases.

- At the NY Now show in February, their booth was abuzz with buyers placing orders for Pooley 2, a cluster of glazed ceramic bud vases affixed to a slab, as well as the Hudson 4 collection of clear glass vessels in configurations ranging from simple single shapes (such as a hanging egg) to conjoined vases that form caterpillars or bubbles.
- A porcelain bird vase in grey, white, blue or black seems to rest on the flowers or greenery placed in a receptacle at its feet. See chive.com.

proportions, so flowers displayed in it have the look of a European flower market. Visit ikea.com.

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All hands on deck

Get on board. Paul Lafrance has timely tips to get outdoor space shipshape for summer

The days are finally getting warmer and it's almost time to enjoy our backyards again. But after a long, rough winter what used to be an outdoor oasis may be in shambles. Luckily, deck guru Paul Lafrance has some tips and tricks for easy weekend makeovers that will keep your outdoor space beautiful, inviting, and stress-free for the summer ahead.

Stain the deck

Guaranteed this winter had snow and ice accumulating on your deck. If you don't have composite decking, you need to avoid those water stains on the wood by sanding and staining it. Do this as soon as the weather hits 10 degrees so that you are doing the work when it's still a bit chilly outside instead of on a beautiful day when you'd rather be on the deck relaxing.

Consider composite

If the structure of your deck is sound and the framework is lasting, then the best possible thing you can do for your sanity and the resale value of your home is to replace the deck boards with composite decking. This is easily a weekend project and will save you hours of maintenance in the future when you simply need to wash it clean instead of staining it.

Rethink your railings

To add more of a design

Decked Out

Watch Paul Lafrance in all-new seasons of Decked Out and Disaster Decks, Tuesdays beginning at 9 p.m. ET/PT on HGTV Canada.



Spruce up your favourite outdoor room now, then relax in it all summer long. CONTRIBUTED

flair to your deck, consider other options outside of the traditional wooden railings. Change them to glass for an upgraded view, or choose colours like black, white, or bronze to better suit your taste. You can even add railings with mirrors for a more interesting look.

Light it up

I cannot stress enough how important lighting is to design, and how much it can transform an outdoor space. You don't need to be an electrician to incorporate LED lights with your deck, or to add lights that will help you see better and boost the ambience at night.

Invest in furnishings

Deck furniture has been completely revolutionized from the past — there are outdoor furnishings now that are being mistaken for living room furniture. You can make over your whole space with some chairs and tables, or even create the effect of a room by adding an umbrella to a dining or living space outdoors.

Add privacy screens

Privacy screens are a great way to not only add privacy to your backyard space, but to also create a focal point and a creative "wow" for guests. Instead of simply copying the fencing that you have and making a screen out of it, consider incorporating something more decorative that suits your design tastes. You can choose anything from faux stone to something with a hanging water feature. If you can see it from inside it makes the outdoor space even more inviting.

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

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It's a good idea to carefully consider what you want in a house first before you start looking. STEPHEN COBURN/SHUTTERSTOCK

Become interested in the rates

Borrowing money to buy a home is likely going to be the biggest financial commitment you ever make. So it's important to do your research and understand what you're getting into.

Here's a quick guide.

Interest rates

Homebuyers have enjoyed low interest rates for a while now. "And I think they're going to hold for several more months," said Toronto mortgage broker David Smith. "By the fall, we're probably going to see 3.09 and 3.1 perhaps, and these are still extraordinary low rates and cheap money."

Down payment

Put down at least 20 per cent of the home price, advises Will Britton, a financial adviser in Kingston, Ont., and a member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada.

You will qualify for a conventional mortgage loan, which is equal to or less than 80 per cent of the lending value of the property. Otherwise, a high-ratio mortgage requires mortgage loan insurance from a provider such as Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and that will cost more.

Pre-approval

It's important to be pre-approved for a mortgage by a bank. "Given how competitive the marketplace is, if your offer has a condition on financing, you won't win the property," Smith said.

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Buying a house can be an overwhelming financial decision.

First-time homebuyers tend to be highly educated and are quite thorough with their research by using online tools to find potential properties and calculate costs. But they aren't as confident when it comes to mortgages and the technical process of buying a house, said Terri Gibbons, with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, who is based in North York, Ont.

"It is important for first-time homebuyers to determine how much they can

afford before they begin the process, keeping in mind all of the upfront costs," Gibbons said. "It is recommended that first-time buyers seek out a mortgage professional and ask lots of questions and clarify their understanding along the way."

It's also a good idea to carefully consider what they want in a house first before they start looking, she added. Considerations include number of bedrooms, location, resale potential, and any renovation costs.

"It is costly to move, so these considerations are very important," Gibbons said.

When all the ducks are in a row and first-time house hunters find the right property at the right price, Win-

Starter homes

- First-time buyers show a higher propensity to want to move sooner than repeat buyers, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Almost one-in-three (31 per cent) of first-time buyers plan to

move within the next five years, compared to 19 per cent among repeat buyers. This likely reflects the fact that many buy starter homes to get into the housing market faster and look to move up within a few years.

nipeg real estate lawyer Leandro Zylberman advises to take a breath before making an offer.

"When I get into the picture, it's usually after the offer has been signed and accepted," he said. "Once I get that, it's too late to make any changes."

If there are components

of the offer the buyers don't understand, they can make the offer subject to lawyer approval, Zylberman advised.

This part of the process is made easier with advice of a real estate agent, who doesn't charge commission for buying a house, only for selling, Zylberman said, which is a definite perk for first-timers.

And don't forget about the closing costs, which can be more than moving and lawyer fees. Many provinces have a land or deed transfer tax that catches many first-time homebuyers unaware.

From start to finish, the homebuying journey can be a long one. According to CMHC statistics, first-time homebuyers take three months longer than repeat buyers to make their purchase. That's about 10 months total of planning.

Almost two-thirds of first-time homebuyers are younger than 35, where only 20 per cent of repeat buyers are younger than 35 years of age. A large majority, 82 per cent, of first-time buyers have a post-secondary education.

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The market is more balanced compared to houses, says Toronto mortgage broker David Smith. And there are lots of long- and short-term benefits.

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An investment that's worth the challenge

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For Metro

Buying your first home can be a daunting task but it's an investment that is worth the challenge, especially if you know the tricks of the trade.

Calgary realtor Bill Leesman is experienced in helping first-time homebuyers find their ideal first home and his biggest advice would be to do their research first.

"You have to be prepared and know what you can afford for a down payment, and what your price range and budget are before you get started," he said.

"First-time homebuyers should be prepared to keep their first home for at least four or five years in order to get enough equity to be able to upgrade to a new home later on. Buying your first home for just a year or two doesn't make much sense."

That's why Leesman recommends buying the right size of home — if you are going to

1 Affordability. While budget will dictate location, amenities and size, a condominium is usually more affordable than a house. "For many first-time buyers, it's the only way to enter the real estate market," Smith said.

2 Availability. There are lots of condos on the market, Smith said, and they are good value — an antici-

pated downward direction of prices hasn't occurred.

3 Ease of living. Christopher Dewdney, a Toronto financial adviser and member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada, says condo fees generally cover maintenance such as snow removal, lawn care, and even indoor plumbing in some cases. Many condominiums

provide amenities such as a pool, fitness club, and outdoor barbecues.

4 Lifestyle. Some condominiums are "lifestyle communities" with regular events such as wine tasting and movie nights where owners can network and meet new friends.

5 Safety. Most condos have built-in security including security cameras

and a concierge.

6 Good investment. Historically, you see an appreciation in the value of real estate," Dewdney said. That's great compared to renting where you end up with no equity or ownership. A condominium could become a rental property in the future for you, too.

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Market roundup

Metro takes a cross-Canada trip to find out how far \$300,000 to \$350,000 will go in today's housing market.

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Saskatoon

An abundance of south-facing windows ensures ample natural light for this corner unit townhouse, located on a quiet crescent in the south Saskatoon residential community of Stonebridge. Built a scant five years ago and boasting 1,337 square feet, hardwood floors, granite countertops and an upstairs washroom skylight, the asking price for this



property is \$334,900.

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Edmonton

This three-bedroom, two-storey townhouse in Miller Park Estates boasts a fully finished walk-out basement, complete with family room and two-piece washroom downstairs. There are four total washrooms, along with a gas fireplace in the living room, a rear deck and patio and green space behind the unit. The \$342,500 asking price is helped by low condo fees, which run



\$178 per month.

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**Vancouver**

This spacious one-bedroom, one-washroom condominium is a stone's throw away from Jericho Beach, making it a perfect location for pet lovers. The property includes stainless steel appliances, stone counters and dark hardwood floors, as well as a 16-foot south-facing patio. Nearby shopping and an enormous master bedroom make this 656-square-foot, \$342,500 unit a steal of a deal.

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**Toronto**

While not exactly downtown living, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom home fits the first-timer's price point. It is located close to transit, shopping and schools. The open-concept design includes laminate floor and garage access from the inside, all for an asking price of \$324,900. An additional monthly fee of \$190 goes toward snow removal and lawn care.

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**London**

A walkout, wraparound deck overlooking a large lot makes this three-bedroom east London house shine. A vaulted ceiling and cultured stone fireplace with stained mantel only add to the elegant decor, along with decorative columns, contemporary spindle rail and open-concept design. The two-storey property includes four bedrooms,

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When looking for your first home, should you consider buying the best house on the worst street, or the worst house on the best street? BURLINHAM/SHUTTERSTOCK

Finding the perfect spot

JENNIFER TAPLIN
For Metro

The old adage that location, location, location is a top factor when buying a house is no joke. But determining that just right location can be a struggle for first-time homebuyers.

For example, should you consider buying the best house on the worst street, or the worst house on the best street?

"Your value is going to be the worst house on the best street," said Halifax real estate agent Paula Langille. "It's usually the most affordable."

Having the nicest house on the block isn't as advantageous because equity won't build as quickly, she said. But a fixer-upper on a charming street will be worth more in the long run.

"And also your carrying costs will be less than anyone else on the street; your taxes will be a bit less."

Marilynn Strilchuk, a real estate agent in rural Alberta, agrees. She said picking a good community can be the far better choice because of the equity.

And when it comes to choosing which community to live in — city, suburb or rural — there are several factors to nail down first before hitting any open houses.

Strilchuk said if a homebuyer has a family or plans to, they need to check out what services are available, such as schools, parks, and community centres.

Generally bigger houses with garages and large yards are more affordable in the suburbs, but that's not always the case.

"Sometimes it's not about what you want when you're a first-time homebuyer, but it's what you can afford," Strilchuk said.

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When will you buy your first home?

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For Metro

If you are in your early to mid-30s and you are just buying your first home you aren't alone.

Almost two-thirds of Canadian first-time homebuyers are younger than 35 years old, with almost half falling between the ages of 25 to 34, according to recent studies.

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) conducted a first-time homebuyer study in 2013 and discovered that consumers are most likely to buy their first home by 35, while only 20 per cent of repeat buyers fall under the same demographic.

"Consistent with a younger age profile, first-time buyers have lower household incomes compared to other homebuyers," said Terri Gibbons, CMHC manager of business development for the Ontario region.

"Nearly two-thirds of first-time buyers have a household income of \$90,000 a year or less, while one in five have less than \$45,000. And although first-time buyers may have lower household incomes, they tend to have higher levels of education compared to other mortgage consumers."

Gibbons said one particularly interesting statistic is

that almost one-quarter of first-time buyers were born outside of Canada, while almost half of that demographic lives in Ontario.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Montreal recently released its own report on first-time homebuyers that says the average price of a home in Canada has risen 83 per cent over the past 10 years, which is the No. 1 reason Canadians are delaying their first home purchase.

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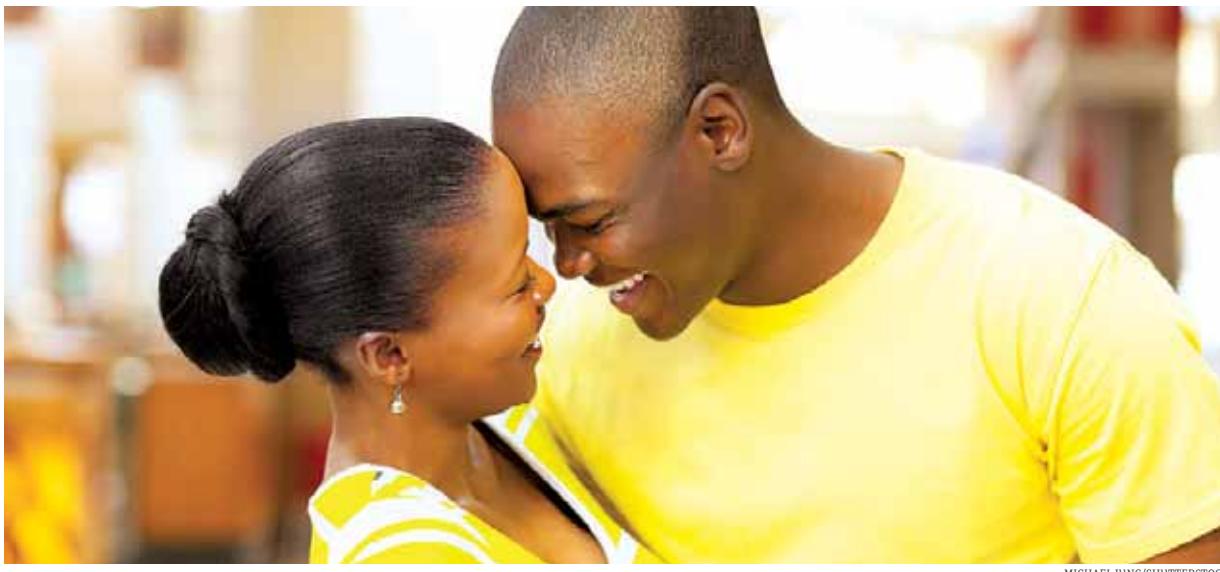
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You have just seven seconds to make a first impression. And a ready smile, neat and appropriate attire, and fresh breath, especially, are all part of making a good one.

On the other hand, bad breath (as well as being grouchy, wearing ill-fitting clothing, and playing with your hair or moustache) leaves a lasting bad impression.

Here are times when good oral hygiene and body care are especially important.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY: There is no way around close contact at a social gathering. You are rubbing shoulders with strangers,

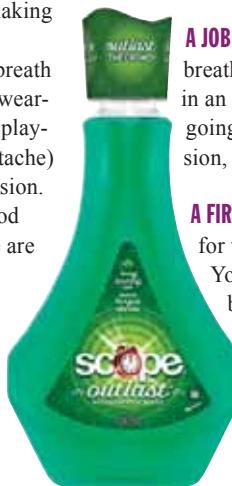
having quick conversations with old friends, and spotting people across the room that you would really like to meet.

A JOB INTERVIEW: Problems like bad breath can definitely spoil your chances in an important job interview. There is going to be a handshake and a discussion, perhaps in close vicinity.

A FIRST DATE: Meeting a potential partner for the first time is stressful as it is.

You don't want to worry about your breath. And you certainly don't want to find out that this person takes your breath away — in a bad way.

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you in very close quarters with another person, and if you are belting out a song together into one microphone, yikes.

THE AIRPORT: Whether you are arriving at the airport yourself or you are picking someone up, there are going to be hugs and kisses with all the greetings.

DINNER PARTY: Getting together around a dinner table is what you do to have fun, and you can count on lots of hugs and kisses at the beginning and end.



VLADIMIR GJORGIEV/SHUTTERSTOCK

BAD BREATH CAN BE A BUMMER

Research has shown halitosis is a confidence killer, and can make a person super sensitive about breath problems.

The sooner you determine if you have a problem, the sooner you can do something about it.

To find out:

- Cover your mouth and nose with your hand, and exhale. Now breathe in through your nose. Does the air smell bad?
- Watch how people react when you talk. Do they stand at a distance, or act a little odd after you speak?
- If your partner starts to avoid kissing you on the mouth, there may be an issue. But it may be their breath, too.

What to do? Improve your oral hygiene by brushing your teeth, flossing, and using a dental mouthwash, regularly. Talk to your dentist about your concerns, and be sure to always carry mints and mouthwash, too.

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OMG. Your date has recoiled. Was it your breath?

Bad breath is actually one of society's oldest and most troublesome social problems. Called halitosis, it can be caused by different factors, including poor oral hygiene, strong smelling foods such as fish, onion, garlic, and even coffee, smoking, and dental and health problems. It is the third most frequent reason — after cavities and periodontal disease — that people see their dentist.

Often, a relationship problem has spurred

on the visit. Since sense of smell is so closely linked to your emotions, sweet smelling breath has everything to do with love, kissing and connecting — or not connecting.

SINGLE — AND NOT LOVING IT

Bad breath is often referred to as a social life killer. In fact, in research, sufferers say it ruins their life.

Not surprisingly, single people with bad breath often have problems dating, and getting married. Furthermore, they are so anxious about their breath in social settings that they avoid face-to-face encounters and can become loners — and lonely.

Thirty-four per cent of survey participants with halitosis said their bad breath made them hesitant to speak to others.



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talking about your own oral hygiene habits.

MARRIED — AND NOT LOVING IT EITHER

In research, sufferers say bad breath causes them to sleep separately from their spouse.

While couples who have been together for a while can be forgiving and understanding, bad breath can still be difficult to ignore, especially in the bedroom. Halitosis is often the reason behind partner rejection and marital problems.

If bad breath is ruining intimate moments, be honest but be kind. Encourage your partner to brush their teeth, floss, and rinse with a mouthwash at least twice a day. This will prevent bacteria from settling in the mouth. If there is a new chronic bad breath issue, check in with the dentist, too.

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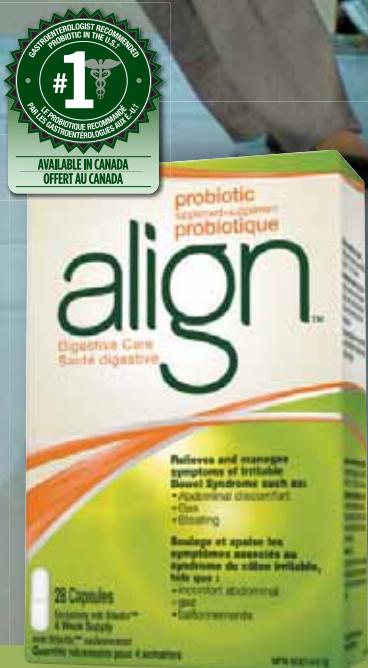
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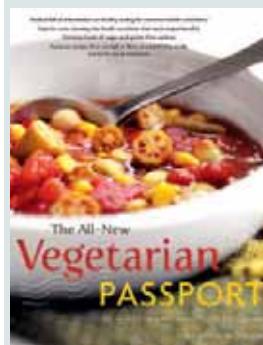
"(Pad Thai) is a traditional national dish served all over Thailand. It's sweet and spicy with a hint of tartness thanks to the lime, and features a wide variety of vegetables," writes Linda Woolven in *The All-New Vegetarian Passport*.

1. Cook the noodles according to the package instructions.

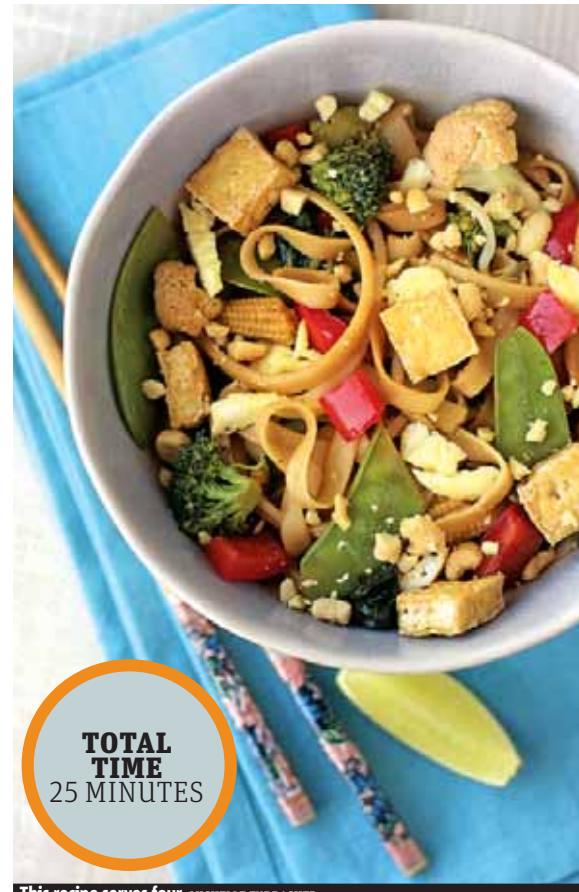
2. In a large frying pan, heat the oil. Add the tofu and cook, stirring, for about 7 minutes, or until slightly browned. Add the egg (if using) and cook, stirring, for about 2 minutes. Add the bok choy, bell pepper, broccoli and cauliflower and cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the

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- 1 egg, beaten (optional; omit for diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and vegan diet)
- 2 baby bok choy, chopped
- 1 medium-size red bell pepper, diced (omit for rheumatoid arthritis)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cauliflower florets
- 1 cup (250 ml) mung bean sprouts
- Handful each of snow peas, canned baby corn, drained and rinsed; canned bamboo shoots, drained and rinsed
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) rice vinegar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) chili flakes
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) crushed unsalted peanuts
- lime wedges

Mooseheads succeed in face of adversity

QMJHL playoffs.

Halifax hangs on to beat Gatineau, takes 3-1 series lead



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All's well that ends well.

A tense third period eventually gave way to a 4-2 victory for the Halifax Mooseheads, who foiled an attempt by the Gatineau Olympiques to tie up the best-of-seven QMJHL quarter-final series on Wednesday night at the Robert Guertin Centre.

The Mooseheads now lead the series 3-1 and can finish things off on Friday night in Gatineau.

"We faced adversity there," said MacKenzie Weegar about the push from the Olympiques in the game's final 20 minutes.

"It was exciting — we haven't faced that in a long time."

Weegar had an impressive performance Wednesday night, scoring a 5-on-3 power-play goal and earning first star of the game.

Jonathan Drouin, well, he was Jonathan Drouin, recording three helpers to give him a league-best 24 points in the playoffs and 11 points for the series.

"It's a tough building to play in — the fans are crazy; they come out hard here,"

Game 4

4

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Mooseheads

Olympiques

- Friday's Game 5 between the Halifax Mooseheads and Gatineau Olympiques is being carried on Rogers Sportsnet One starting at 8 p.m. Atlantic time.

Weegar said.

"But I thought we did a great job. We settled down. I thought we kept our composure the whole game."

Maybe not the whole game.

Tempers flared almost as soon as the puck dropped, with Mooseheads tough guy Brandon Vuic kicked out before the two-minute mark for being the aggressor in a fight with the Olympiques' Derek Sheppard.

A goalless opening 20 minutes led to a second-period push that put the Mooseheads ahead 3-0 as Luca Ciampini, Weegar and Nikolai Ehlers all found the back of the net.

But the Olympiques responded and cut the lead to one early in the third period on a goal by Vaclav Karabacek.

The comeback had a rousing home crowd on their feet but Gatineau couldn't find the equalizer.

An empty-netter in the



Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Brendan Duke delivers a big hit on Vaclav Karabacek of the Gatineau Olympiques during Game 4 action Wednesday night in Gatineau. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

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"Tonight I thought we answered the bell and took care of the little things that mattered."

Mooseheads forward Brent Andrews

final minute by Brent Andrews sealed the deal for the Mooseheads.

"That wasn't the game we wanted to play," said Olympiques captain Taylor Burke, a Halifax native.

"I know for us we've got to come out Friday ready to compete ... I'll be there."

The Olympiques — who outshot Halifax 28-23 — had been hoping to capitalize on Tuesday night's 5-2 victory.

"We battled hard all night and we were very relieved to get the win," said Andrews.

"It's a war to play every night. An absolute war ... (but) we showed our maturity pretty well and we held our own and did what we had to do."

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SPORTS



Brendan Shanahan, pictured, is reportedly being pursued for a top hockey job with the Toronto Maple Leafs by MLSE president and CEO Tim Leiweke.

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Blackhawks. Decisive Sharp assists and scores in win over Canadiens

Patrick Sharp set up Marian Hossa's tying goal in the final minute of regulation, then scored the game-winner 43 seconds into overtime to lift the Chicago Blackhawks to a 3-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday.

Jeremy Morin also scored in the Blackhawks' fourth straight win overall, and their first in overtime this season after seven losses.

Sharp scored the winner on a shot from the slot that struck Montreal goalie Peter Budaj, rolled high off his equipment, ticked off the left post and landed in the net.

Hossa had tipped in Sharp's feed from the right corner left to tie the game at 2 with 47.7 seconds left in the third period.

Dale Weise and Francis Bouillon scored for Montreal.

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

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As the Maple Leafs' season fully craters in the immediate weeks to come, there will be (and indeed, already are) calls for change in the organization. Few can see any scenario in which head coach Randy Carlyle retains his job for next season; fair or not, you don't spectacularly melt down twice in two years — in two different manners: one quick and painful as they did in Boston; the other the long, slow torture of this season's crash-and-burn — without someone paying the price. And until Tim Leiweke says otherwise, that's not likely to be GM Dave Nonis.

However, rumours arose Wednesday that Leiweke has another name in mind to add to the Leafs' front office: hall of famer and NHL director of player safety Brendan

Shanahan. And while the former Red Wings legend doesn't have any experience as a member of an NHL management team, he would instantly improve Toronto's standing in league circles and make them a more attractive destination for free agents.

This isn't to say the 45-year-old has a magic touch and would be a cure-all for what ails the franchise. But ever since he retired in 2009, the Toronto native has been one of the most active members of the hockey community. In his role as NHL disciplinarian, he regularly works with NHL GMs, understands the way the game is policed as well as anyone and has been instrumental in modernizing the way suspension decisions are explained. You may disagree with his decisions, but you can't question his work ethic and connections.

If Shanahan is brought on board, there are people who will make the argument he's

learning on the job in arguably the NHL's most difficult market. That's fair comment, but there was another man who had no experience coaching, playing or managing at the NHL level when he began his GM career in 1987. You may have heard of him: His name is Lou Lamoriello, currently the GM of the New Jersey Devils, two-time Stanley Cup-winner and one of the greatest managers the league has ever seen.

As much as people want it to be true, there's no GM — currently employed by an NHL team or otherwise — whose hiring in Toronto will guarantee a Cup win. But if they hire Shanahan, they'll be getting someone who is his own man, and someone who builds consensus yet who ultimately has shown the buck stops with him.

He never played for the Leafs, but that doesn't mean Shanahan wouldn't be a great hire. I'd bet on him before I'd bet against him.

Playoff flameouts

O Canadiens!

The Toronto Maple Leafs' playoff hopes ended on Tuesday with a 3-0 loss in Tampa Bay, leaving the Montreal Canadiens as the lone Canadian team left fighting for a Stanley Cup.

According to hockey-reference.com, the last time there was just one post-season participant from north of the border was in 1973 when, yes, the Habs topped the Chicago Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup final. METRO



The Canadiens will be Canada's only hope when the playoffs begin. GETTY IMAGES



Messi, Barça run into Atletico wall

Barcelona's Lionel Messi kicks the ball in front of Atletico Madrid players during their Champions League quarter-final second leg soccer match in Madrid, Spain, Wednesday. Koke's fifth-minute goal led Atletico to a 1-0 win, good for a 2-1 aggregate victory. Atletico, which leads Barcelona by one point in the Spanish league, reached the last four of Europe's top club competition for the first time since 1974. ANDRES KUDACKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Lawrie homers, Jays beat Astros

Canadian Brett Lawrie hit his first home run of the season and Toronto starter

Brandon Morrow struck out nine over six innings as the Blue Jays defeated the Houston Astros 7-3 on Wednesday night at Rogers Centre.

Lawrie belted a two-run shot off reliever Josh Zeid

in the seventh inning as Toronto (5-4) earned its first series victory of the season. Morrow (1-1) allowed five hits and three earned runs as the Jays moved above the .500 mark.

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Golf

Woods said to be immobilized for two weeks

Masters chairman Billy Payne says Tiger Woods has to be immobilized for two weeks after his back surgery.

Woods is missing the Masters for the first time in his career after back surgery March 31 to relieve a pinched nerve.

He has been at every Champions Dinner since winning the first of his four green jackets in 1997. Payne was asked Wednesday if he thought Woods might come to the dinner even though he's not playing.

Payne says Woods' agent, Mark Steinberg, told him that Woods has to be "very still" for at least a couple of weeks.

He said Woods was supposed to be immobilized at home and couldn't attend the dinner.

Woods has said he will not be able to return to golf until sometime this summer.

There were 30 Masters champions at the Tuesday night dinner.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

The Sun in your birth sign does wonders for your confidence but there will still be times when self-belief deserts you. Keep telling yourself there is no good reason you should fear the worst, now or ever.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

This may not be an easy time of year for you but you can sense that the day will soon be here when your luck turns. Maybe that day will come sooner if you act as if nothing could possibly go wrong.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Tone down your comments because the planets warn if you say something others consider over the top it will rebound on you in ways you had not expected.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Think twice before volunteering to help the less fortunate through a task you know little about. Others may be wowed by your enthusiasm but they won't be so impressed if you make a mess of the job.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't expose yourself to any kind of situation where you do not have full control over what happens. Not even your confidence will protect you from people who do not share your sense of fair play.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You seem to have a phobia about something that at other times would not worry you. It may continue for a few days but come the start of next week you'll be all smiles again.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Make sure you know what you are talking about today, especially if you are dealing with people who are experts. If you make claims that cannot be backed up with facts, they will make you look silly.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

For some reason you seem to believe you don't have the talent to be a success. That isn't true. Get your head straight and get on with making your mark on the world.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have a tendency to say things you don't believe because you enjoy seeing the looks of shock on people's faces. It may be a lot of fun, but it could backfire today.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You can be sarcastic and the planets warn that your caustic way with words could have long-term consequences that damage others and you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may not get much in the way of thanks for a good deed today but that's OK. The world would be a sad place indeed if we only ever did favours for others because we expected to get something back in return.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to get angry or frustrated if a goal you are aiming to reach seems to be further away than ever. Just as there is a reason for everything that happens in life so too is there a reason for everything that does not happen. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Niagara Falls' Maid of the ___

5. Angry arfer's admonition

9. Dull

13. Wine: __ Spumante

14. Donnie Iris song: "Ah! __!"

15. Accustom

16. Toronto: The ___ Theatre (Opened in 1993, it was named after a member of The Royal Family)

19. Reclined

20. Couplet

21. Antacid brand

22. House kind

24. Herb that sounds like a toast spread

26. Interest __

27. ___ roll

29. Nero's 54

30. ___-bitty

31. Newfoundland's nickname, The __

33. Broom closet items

36. "O Sole __"

37. "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" cast member who is Canadian producer David Foster's wife

39. Cdn. capital

41. Norway's capital

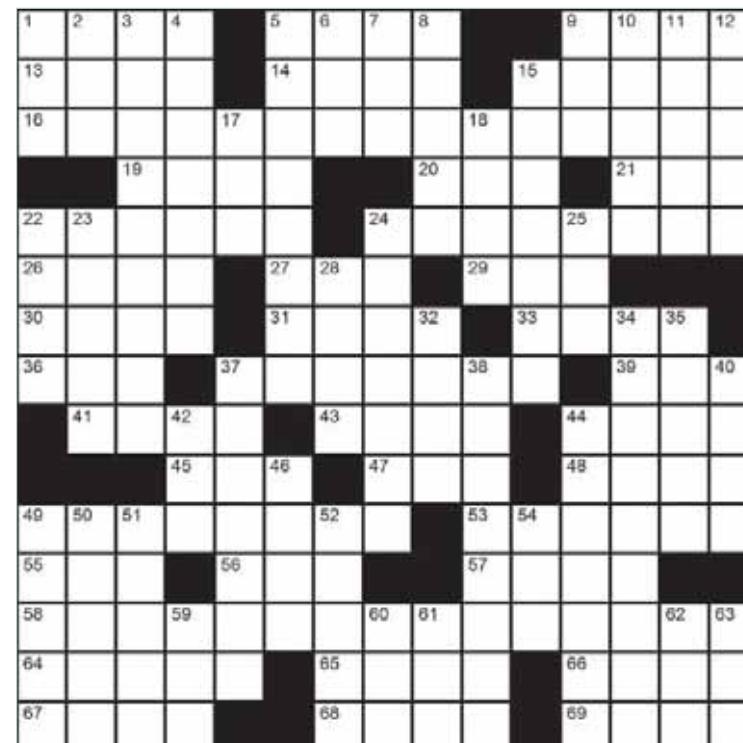
43. Rhyme scheme

44. Indebted person

45. Retro albums, e.g.

47. Spinning stat.

48. Reality's Ms.



Leakes

49. Peter of HBO's "Game of Thrones"

51. Hotel employee

53. About [abbr.]

55. A bus driver follows one, for short

56. Cobbler's tool

57. Switchblade

58. Chasing the

Sunset" band from Winnipeg: 2 wds.

64. Hotel employee

65. God: French

66. Mackerel sort

67. Their ___ Were Watching God (1937 novel by #51-Down)

68. Chick containers

69. Trans-Canada, et al.

Down

1. Location locator

2. Medit. locale

3. Spikes

4. Sarah Palin im-

personator: 2 wds.

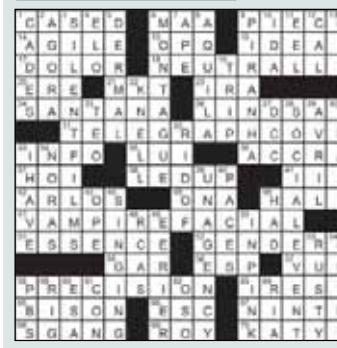
5. Manitoba village, home of tourist attraction Sara the Camel

6. ___ judicata (Settled court matter)

7. ___ al-Khalimah, Middle East emirate

8. Valerie Harper title

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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